

PERSHING FORCES ARE THREATENED

FRENCH RUSH FOE OFF FEET IN NEW DRIVE

Capture of First and Second
Trenches in the Vosges
Vicinity Is Told.

FIGHT NEAR VERDUN

Le Mort Homme and Avo-
court Again Scene of
Fierce Struggles.

Paris, June 17.—In the course of last night German troops attacked the French positions at Avoourt with grenades, says the official statement issued today by the French war department. In the region of Le Mort Homme there was an intense bombardment.

In the Vosges, after a violent bombardment of Hill No. 425, to the east of Thann, French infantry, the statement adds, penetrated the first and second lines and brought back a number of German prisoners.

The text of the communication follows:

"In Belgium last night there was a fairly intense artillery duel in the sector of Lombardville.

"On the left bank of the river Meuse, German attacks with hand grenades on the redoubt at Avoourt and on our advanced post west of Hill No. 384 were easily repulsed. There has been an intense bombardment of our positions at Dead Man's Hill, but without any infantry action.

"On the right bank of the river there has been violent artillery fighting in the sector north of Fleury.

"In the Vosges, following a violent bombardment on the part of our artillery directed against the German works at Hill No. 425, east of Thann, a detachment of our infantry penetrated to the first and to the second German lines, which were cleaned up.

"The French detachment withdrew without having suffered a loss and brought with them some prisoners.

"During the night of June 16-17 a French bombardier air squadron, threw down 29 shells of 12 kilos each and four 155 kilos each upon the railroad station at Longuyon, Mont Medy and Audun Le Roman."

Defeat Russ Attack, Claim.

Berlin, June 17, (by wireless to Sayville).—Austro-Hungarian troops south of the Danube river in Galicia, defeated a Russian cavalry force on Thursday, according to an official statement given out by the Austro-Hungarian army headquarters under date of June 16.

The statement also announces that new battles have been started on the whole front in Volhynia.

The text of the Austrian statement follows:

"South of the Danube our troops repulsed the enemy's cavalry. Further to the east there were only small engagements in this district.

"West of Visnovitzky Russian attacks against our positions are in progress. Two officers and 400 Russians remained in the hands of our troops. Near Tarnopol there were no special events.

"On the whole Volhynian front new combats have been started. On the Stokhod and the Styrr enemy attempts to cross the river failed. The enemy was usually suffered heavy losses."

"Italian front: Enemy attacks on the southern part of the Dobrodo plateau were repulsed. Repeated Italian attacks against several of our positions on the Dolomites likewise failed.

"On the Asiago plateau there were spirited artillery duels.

"In the Orter district our troops conquered the top of Takat and the summit of the hindmost Madatsch."

To Honor Memory of Bishop.

Washington, June 17.—The 190th anniversary of the death of Bishop Thomas John Claggett, first bishop of any church consecrated on American soil, will be commemorated in a special service at Washington Cathedral.

Clergy, Mount St. Alban, tomorrow Bishop Daniel S. Tuttle of Missouri, will preach the sermon. Bishop Claggett was made a deacon and a priest by the Bishop of London in Lambeth Palace chapel about ten years before the revolution. He was consecrated bishop at Trinity church, New York, Sept. 17, 1798, and died at his home at Croome, Aug. 2, 1816.

French Place Huge War Order.

Pittsburgh, Pa., June 17.—The French government has placed an order with the Pressed Steel Car company for 100,000 steel forgings for 9.2-inch shells, at a cost of \$225 each, according to an announcement just made here.

English Gun Boat Is Sunk; 39 Are Lost

London, June 17, (1:50 p. m.)—The British destroyer Eden has been sunk. Thirty-one members of the crew were saved. Three officers are missing.

The Eden was sunk in the English channel last night after a collision. This announcement was made this afternoon by the official press bureau.

The British destroyer Eden displaced 555 tons and carried a complement of 70. She was 220 feet long, 23 feet beam and 8 feet deep. She was built in 1903 and had a speed of 26 knots. The Eden carried four 3-inch guns and was equipped with two 18-inch torpedo tubes.

ISSUES CALL TO ILLINOIS MOOSE

Chicago, June 17.—Harold L. Ickes, national committeeman of the progressive party in Illinois today called a special meeting of the progressive state committee to be held in Chicago at 10 a. m. Friday to discuss future party plans. The meeting of the state committee will be followed by an open conference of leading progressives from all parts of the state. Among the questions to be considered are:

Shall the progressives merge with the republicans in this year's national campaign and support Hughes or shall a third party be put in the field?

Shall the progressives put up a state ticket in Illinois?

Shall the progressive put up a ticket in Cook and other counties in the state?

The progressive national committee will meet in Chicago, June 26, and I want to know how the members of our party feel on these questions before I got to the meeting," said Mr. Ickes. "I have no idea at this time, what decision will be reached on any of these questions."

Mr. Ickes declined to discuss the result of his conference with Colonel Roosevelt.

THE WAR TODAY

There are no signs of a cessation of the powerful Russian offensive in Volhynia-Galicia and Kukuwinia. The latest Austrian official statement tells of a Russian check here and there, notably the defeat of a cavalry force south of the Danube in Galicia and the stopping of Russian efforts across the Stokhod and Styrr in Volhynia. The Russians, however, are remaining on the aggressive, attacking all along the Volhynian front and pressing hard against the Austrian lines further south.

The capture of approximately 170,000 men by the Russians since the inception of the offensive is claimed by Petrograd which declares that steady advances have been scored against the Austrian armies.

French positions in the Dead Man's Hill sector, northwest of Verdun, are again the object of German attacks, the big guns of the crown prince violently shelling the French trenches. The only infantry movements that developed, however, were a hand grenade attack slightly west of the hill, which the French repulsed and a similar attack on the Avoourt redoubt, to the southwest, which also failed.

There is still pronounced activity on the Trentino front where the Austrians and Italians are at grips, but no advances of consequence, on either side is claimed in the latest reports.

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The Russians continue to beat back the Austrians and to capture prisoners at the rate of more than 10,000 a day, 170,000 Teutonic allies having been taken in the last 13 days, besides vast quantities of guns and munitions. Attempts of the Austrians and Germans to take the offensive at many points along the entire front have been repulsed, according to Petrograd.

The armies around Verdun are inactive again, only intermittent bombardments having occurred for practically two days. The French claim to have captured German trenches on a front of about two-thirds of a mile in the vicinity of Le Mort Homme.

The British claim fresh successes over the Turks in Mesopotamia and also over the Germans in German East Africa.

Fighting on the Italian front is almost at a standstill.

The Italians have opened a new offensive on the Dobrodo plateau, but, according to Vienna, they have been unsuccessful in their efforts to advance. Rome claims the capture of an Austrian position in the Trentino between the Frenzella valley and Maresina, near the Brenita river.

German troops under General von Linsingen are engaged in the fighting in the Stokhod-Styrr sector on the Russian front, Berlin announces today. Other German troops under General Count von Bothmer are taking part in the battles north of Przewolka.

PREPARE FOR WORST ALONG BORDER LINE

Everything Being Done to
Be Ready for Eventuali-
ties With Carranza.

ALL IN READINESS

General Funston Has Force
of 50,000 in Command—
Expresses No Fear.

El Paso, June 17.—Carranza having thrown down the gauntlet to the United States in his advice to General Pershing that any troop movement east, west or south would be regarded as a hostile act, every preparation was being made along the border today for eventualities.

Officers and soldiers of the American garrison here were kept closely to their quarters. Street car service to Juarez was at a standstill and efforts were made by the United States customs officials to persuade Americans not to cross the river.

Tension was noticeable on the Mexican side, where numbers of civilians were arming themselves. Reports from authentic sources indicated that recruiting for the army was being pushed in all the larger cities in northern Mexico.

Watch De Facto Troops.

San Antonio, Texas, June 17.—General Funston and his staff gave careful attention today to the activities of outlaw bands along the Mexican border, but far greater interest was displayed in the attitude being assumed by the troops of the de facto government.

General Parker at Brownsville, Texas, made a brief report early this morning of the latest manifestation of outlawry near San Benito, and General Mann reported the continuation of the search for traces of the bandits that raided the cavalry camp at San Ignacio, but it was evident at department headquarters that greater significance was attached to the doings of Carranza's troops than to those of the bandit leaders.

General Ricaut's warning that the crossing of the border by any American troops for any cause whatever would be regarded as an overt act by the United States and would be the cause of attack by the de facto government troops did not disturb General Funston or his staff. The search for bandits will continue and whenever a "hot trail" is found leading into Mexico the American troops will not hesitate to follow it. The officers in charge of troops on the border have such instructions that the crossing of the international line will not be delayed by reports. They have the authority to cross without waiting for special instructions.

Funston Has 50,000.

General Funston's army of almost 50,000 has been so disposed along the Mexican border that swift punitive action could be taken if invited by any overt act of Carranza's army. General Jacinto Trevino's threat to attack General Pershing if the American troops move east or west or south, was regarded by army officers here as little less than a declaration of hostilities by the Mexicans, since it may be necessary at any time for the leader of the big punitive expedition to send small detachments in pursuit of outlaw bands that may be menacing his outposts. No fear is felt, however, that General Pershing will not be able to take care of himself.

Take Precautions.

Precautions taken by General Bell at El Paso last night in holding all the American troops ready for action were similar to those taken at every border point opposite which there was any considerable number of Carranza troops. The greatest activity was displayed at Juarez, because military authorities there armed a portion of the civilian population and because of the recent reinforcement of the Mexican garrison. General Greene at Eagle Pass and General Mann at Laredo also prepared to move quickly in case of eventualities, but less activity on the Mexican side of the river was displayed at those points.

Washington, June 17.—Warning from Mexican commanders that any movement of American troops except in retirement toward the border would precipitate hostilities will not change the purpose of the United States government to keep its expedition in northern Mexico or prevent General Pershing from taking any steps necessary to insure the safety of his own columns and deal with bandits threatening the border. No advance further south is contemplated and it is not believed here the Carranza forces are planning an immediate attack upon the present American forces.

The war department today was without advice from General Pershing regarding the warning said to have been sent him by General Trevino the Carranza commander at Chihuahua, but General Funston reported the sub-

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UNITED WE STAND—DIVIDED WE FALL



ASKS FOR CHANGE IN CHICAGO LOOP

Grossberg Petitions Utilities Commission to Remove an Buren Arm of Elevated.

Springfield, Ill., June 17.—The Illinois public utilities commission was petitioned here today by Jacob G. Grossberg of Chicago to order the elevated railroad to remove the Van Buren street arm of the "loop" in Chicago from Fifth avenue to Wabash avenue.

During the rush hours—the peak of the transportation load in Chicago—the capacity of the loop for the continuous passage of trains is overtaxed, according to Mr. Grossberg, who says he has been a citizen of the state and a resident of Chicago for many years.

But for the loop, his petition adds, the natural tendency of the central business portion of Chicago would be to spread in a general southward direction from Van Buren street.

Mr. Grossberg would have north and south side trains operated continuously over the Wabash avenue and Lake street arms of the loop. West side trains, he says, should be brought into the city at Van Buren street, traverse the west side of the Fifth avenue arm of the loop and leave the Lake street elevated tracks.

The crossovers at the intersection of West Van Buren street and south Fifth avenue and at West Lake street and North Fifth avenue are wholly unnecessary and a nuisance, according to Mr. Grossberg.

The commission will give Mr. Grossberg's petition an early hearing.

Discuss Coal Standardization.

Pittsburgh, Pa., June 17.—Plans for developing a system of standardization for the bituminous coal industry of the United States were discussed at a conference here yesterday between 125 coal operators and at West Lake street and North Fifth avenue are wholly unnecessary and a nuisance, according to Mr. Grossberg.

The federal trade commission and D. H. Morrow, special agent.

Latest Bulletins

Copenhagen, June 17.—Two large German steamships were torpedoed in the Baltic last evening, according to Swedish fishermen who say they saw the vessels sink after a violent cannonading.

Berlin, June 17.—The Austro-Hungarian admiralty reports that three torpedo boats of the entente allies on the morning of June 12 attacked the Austrian seaport of Parenzo, in Istria, 10 miles north of Rovigno. The fire of the torpedo boats was without effect, the statement says, and the vessels were driven off by the Austrian coast batteries and aeroplanes.

Oakland, Cal., June 17.—M. F. Morrey, a union stevedore, was shot and killed today when strike riots broke out at the water front. Four arrests were made.

Brownsville, Texas, June 17.—It was reported to army headquarters here today that a troop of the Third cavalry, under Lieutenant A. D. Newman, had struck a "hot trail" of Mexican bandits north of Brownsville. These bandits were supposed to have been the same who attacked United States soldiers near San Benito last night.

Philadelphia, June 17.—Volunteers to operate trains in the event of a trainmen's strike were called for in a statement addressed to the employees of the Pennsylvania Railroad company by the general manager of that corporation.

ALLIES TO PRESS GREEK DEMANDS

As Result of Demonstrations in Athens Entente Powers Will Strengthen Their Requests.

Athens, June 17.—The demands of the entente allies on Greece, it was learned here today, are being considerably strengthened and extended as a result of the anti-entente demonstrations which broke out in Athens last Monday.

The demands were ready for representation to the Greek government when the disorders occurred but the note probably will not be delivered until next week. Meanwhile the entente blockade of Greek ports is continuing in full force.

Paris, June 17.—Premier Skouloudis of Greece is sending out confidential instructions to government officials and army officers in order to counteract the effects of the order for the demobilization of the army, according to the Matin. The paper adds that the allies will present shortly a complete list of their grievances to the Greek government and that their demands will be couched in such a fashion as to prevent any trickery on the part of King Constantine.

ROOSEVELT PASSES COMFORTABLE NIGHT

New York, June 17.—Theodore Roosevelt passed a comfortable night, coughing a little but not violently and today his voice was stronger and he hoped to return to his Oyster Bay home in the afternoon. The colonel, his physicians announced last night, has suffered a slight attack of pleurisy. They considered his condition satisfactory.

Colonel Roosevelt again visited his physician, Dr. Duell and after returning to the hotel had a talk with Raymond Robins and Governor Hiram Johnson.

MIXED WEATHER IS FORECAST FOR WEEK

Washington, June 17.—Weather predictions for the week beginning Sunday issued by the weather bureau today follow:

Great Lakes region, fair and considerably warmer next several days. Thunder showers, however, probable about Wednesday or Thursday.

Plain states and upper Mississippi valley generally warmer first half of week. Cooler with probably local thunder showers latter half of week.

Communication Resumed.

La Crosse, Wis., June 17.—The Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway today reached Waukon, a town over 3,000 population which had been cut off from communication since the flood of June 2. Because of the great damage done to railway property at McGregor, Iowa, an attempt is being made to procure the removal of the division yards from McGregor to Prairie Du Chien, Wis., just across the river.

THE WEATHER

Forecast Till 7 P. M. Tomorrow, for Rock Island, Davenport, Moline and Vicinity

Generally fair tonight and Sunday, somewhat warmer tonight.

Temperature at 7 a. m. 57. Highest yesterday 67, lowest last night 54.

Velocity of wind at 7 a. m. 6 miles per hour.

Precipitation .17 inch.

Relative humidity at 7 p. m. 75, at 7 a. m. 86, at 1 p. m. today 57.

Stage of water 12.2, a fall of .2 in last 24 hours.

J. M. SHERIER, Local Forecaster.

LAMBERT GIRL'S CHUMS ON STAND

State Summons Bery of Young Friends of Marian to Disprove Josephine Davis' Testimony.

Waukegan, Ill., June 17.—The state today brought a bevy of girls to court to impeach the testimony of Josephine Davis in the trial of William H. Orpet for the alleged murder of Marian Lambert.

There were 18 of them—each 18 years of age—and they had attended Marian's 18th birthday party on Feb. 6, three days before her death in Helm's woods at Lake Forest.

Bernice Wells first took the stand. Over the objections of the defense, she testified that Marian seemed happy at the party. She did not see her cry, as Miss Davis in her revised testimony said she did.

"So far as you know were Josephine and Marian alone at any time during the party?" asked State's Attorney Dady.

"Not that I know of."

On cross examination by Attorney Ralph E. Potter he asked:

"Did Marian always appear gay—gayer than others—as if she were trying to hide her troubles behind a mask of gaiety?"

"I wouldn't say that—she just seemed happy."

In attempting to find out if Marian and Josephine had been alone together, Mr. Potter brought out the answer that the guests "were all over the house."

A demure miss in unadorned blue came next. She smiled innocently at Mr. Dady when asked her name and responded in a clear, unafraid voice "Florence Russell."

She was born at Racine, Wis., 18 years ago.

She and two friends spent the night of the party with Marian. Anna Paulson, who always had done so, was unable to stay.

"Did you see Josephine Davis take Marian aside into a room?" asked Mr. Dady.

"No, sir."

JOHN J. ASTOR'S WIDOW TO MARRY

New York, June 17.—The Brooklyn Eagle announced today the engagement of Mrs. John J. Astor, widow of Colonel J. J. Astor, who lost his life on the steamer Titanic, to William K. Dick of Brooklyn. The wedding will take place at Bar Harbor, Maine, on June 19.

Mrs. Astor, who was Madeleine Tallmadge Force, will by her marriage surrender the income of a trust fund of \$5,000,000 bequeathed to her by Colonel Astor in his will "for so long during her natural life as she shall remain his widow."

The will provided that in case of her remarriage the fund should go to Colonel Astor's son, W. Vincent Astor.

Mr. Dick, a sugar refiner, is understood to be very wealthy.

His sister married a member of the Havemeyer family of sugar manufacturers.

DAY IN CONGRESS

SENATE.

No session.

HOUSE.

Debated \$15,000,000 annual pension appropriation bill.

Judiciary committee deferred action on impeachment charges against Federal Attorney Marshall at New York until Monday.

TROOPERS IN MEXICO FACE NEW DANGER

Carranza Authorities Place
American Expedition in
Grave Predicament.

CONSUL QUITS POST

Phillip Hanna Abandons Po-
sition and Hurries to
United States.

San Antonio, Texas, June 17.—General Pershing has told General Jacinto Trevino in reply to the message warning him that any move of the American troops except toward the border would be regarded as a hostile act, that he could not recognize his authority to govern the movements of the American expedition. The text of the message from General Pershing was received today by General Funston and forwarded to Washington.

Washington, June 17.—General Funston advised the war department today that he was informed by General Bell at El Paso, that General Pershing had been warned by General Trevino, the Carranza commander at Chihuahua that any movement of the American expedition to the south, west or east would be a signal for an attack by the Mexican forces.

No word has come so far from General Pershing himself, but even before the arrival of General Funston's message department officials were inclined to credit newspaper dispatches telling of the Trevino warning.

Preparations have been made for any eventualities and Pershing is ready to deal with any force that may be sent against him. It is probable, however, that he will hold to his present lines and make no move to precipitate hostilities.

Gray Force Returns.

General Funston reported also that Major Gray of the Fourteenth cavalry, commanding the two troops attacked by Mexicans at San Ignacio, Texas, recently, had returned from an effort to pick up the trail of the bandits. The cavalry rode some distance down the American side of the river, crossed to the Mexican side on reports that a bandit mobilization was in progress, turned north again on the Mexican side for several miles and recrossed to American territory without having encountered any outlaws or finding a trail.

Two additional prisoners were captured on the American side and the body of another Mexican found in the brush near the scene of the attack.

Assure Cooperation.

Major Gray reported he had received assurances of cooperation from Carranza military commanders across the line. The Mexican officers said they had captured 20 men believed to have been engaged in the attack on the American camp.

The American commander said he believed the band had been broken up and that no further activities were to be expected from that particular force.

Consul Quits Post.

Laredo, Texas, June 17.—Phillip C. Hanna, United States consul general at Monterey and one of the two remaining American consuls in Mexico, accompanied by half a dozen other Americans, arrived here today. He was reticent as to the object of his visit.

Asked regarding conditions in Mexico and the probable length of his stay, Consul Hanna replied: "Everything is quiet down the line. I may remain 2 or 3 days."

It has been known for some time that Consul Hanna was instructed by the state department that he could leave his post any time at his own discretion.

Consul Hanna immediately on his arrival asked for an American newspaper. He appeared surprised when he glanced at the headlines but would not comment on overnight developments.

The arrival at Laredo today of Philip Hanna, consul general at Monterey, developed the fact that the state department ordered both him and J. R. Silliman, consul at Saltillo, to the American side of the river. The withdrawal of these two consular officers, will leave the American government with no consular representatives at interior points in Mexico, except an agent at Mexico City.

Fearing Attack.

Laredo, Texas, June 17.—Texas rangers, under command of Captain J. J. Sanders and several armed citizens were hurried early today to Islatas, 25 miles up the Rio Grande from Laredo, on a report that Mexican bandits were seen approaching the settlement.

Few details of the reported proposed attack were available. Rangers in that vicinity, however, advised the few Americans to congregate at the J. B. Morrow ranch house, whence a request for aid was telephoned.

General Mann, commanding the La-

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